



Role of Urban Design Review Board Members

The Urban Design Review Board is established for the purpose of:

- 1) Stabilizing and improving property values in the Historic Preservation Overlay zones and approved Development Plan areas;
- 2) Encouraging new buildings and developments that will be harmonious with the existing historic buildings and districts but will not necessarily be of the same architectural style. Regulations in such areas are intended to protect against destruction of or encroachment upon such areas, structures, or sites, to encourage uses which will lead to their continuance, conservation, and improvement in a manner appropriate to the preservation of the cultural, social, economic, political, architectural, or archeological heritage of the City;
- 3) To prevent creation of environmental influences and adverse conditions to such purposes;
- 4) To assure that new structures and uses in such areas will be in keeping with the character of the surrounding historic area. The purpose is to develop the Historic Preservation Overlay zone, or approved Development Plan area, not to be a museum but a vital living area in which each succeeding generation may continue and build upon the architectural quality and sensitivity of past generations.

Appointment:

Board members are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners and are chosen from three applicants. Members are appointed for staggered terms of four years and are eligible for re-appointment. A member shall commence service at the next meeting of the Board following that member's appointment and approval by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. A member of the Board may be immediately removed from the Board by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners if the member has missed more than one-third of the regular meetings of the Board within any twelve month period.

Duties and Qualifications:

The Board shall consist of nine members who are residents of the city who have demonstrated knowledge of or interest in the preservation of historic and architectural landmarks. All members shall possess a demonstrated interest in historic preservation, and at least two members must have training or experience in a preservation-related profession, architecture, landscape architecture, history, archeology, architectural history, planning or related fields.

This specific vacancy fulfills the role of:

One member from the American Institute of Architects, recommended by the Institute.

The Urban Design Review Board typically meets on the third Monday of each month, at 4:00 pm at City Hall. Meeting length varies. Availability for occasional special meetings and an annual workshop is also required.